NWS Nashville presents:

Weather 101 Flooding

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01 Flash Flooding Statistics

127 deaths per year

30-year national average of flash flooding-related deaths

Flash flooding is the #2 weather-related killer in the United States

Startling Statistics



1,000

On average, around 1,000 flash floods happen per year in the US.



50% of deaths

A little more than 50% of flash flooding-related deaths occur in vehicles



33 million

Approximately 33 million people globally were affected by flash floods in 2020.

2024 US Flooding Statistics

- 181 people died as a result of flooding in 2024 in the United States
- Of the deaths, 66 of those happened while driving

02 Meteorology of Flooding

What Meteorologists Look For When it Comes to Flash Flooding



Slow winds

Slow winds = rain not blowing around = ponding



Moisture

Sufficient moisture (> 70%) at the low and mid-levels is needed Slow storm motion

Questions we ask: is there training potential? What forcing is there?

Deep Cloud Layer

Deep warm clouds hold a lot more precipitation in the form of water



Greater than the 75th percentile using local climatology

Available Energy

Is there enough energy to generate clouds, thus producing rain?



Flash Flooding Ingredients

Key elements to look for:

- High precipitable water values
- High relative humidity
- Moisture influx
- Convergence of winds
- Boundaries (fronts), particularly stationary boundaries
- Wind speed and direction aloft and near the surface



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Know your Environment

Questions we ask ourselves...

- Has it been raining a lot over the area of interest recently?
- What are the soil conditions like?
- Topography...Is it hilly, flat, mountainous?
- Is in an urban area where flooding can happen faster?



The Steps We Take

- Figure out the threat
- Familiarize yourself with the environment
- Monitor the threat
- Issue watch
- Issue warning
- Follow-up warnings as often as needed depending on how the threat evolves.



03 Types of Flooding

Types of Flooding

River Flooding

- Takes longer to occur
- Typically have time to prepare and evacuate if needed
- Different sources of river flooding: persistent rain for a long period of time, melting snow, or an ice jam

Flash Flooding

- Happens quickly as water rapidly rises
- Occurs generally in a matter of minutes to 6 hours or less during heavy rainfall
- 2 big factors: rainfall duration and rainfall intensity

Storm Surge

- An abnormal rise in water level along the coast.
- Generally caused by forces generated from a severe storm's wind, low pressure, and waves i.e. hurricanes

Coastal Flooding

• Inundation of land along the coast caused by high tide

Atmospheric Rivers - NOT a type of Flooding

Atmospheric Rivers

- Long, narrow regions in the atmosphere that transport large amounts of water vapor outside of the tropics. i.e. California
- Not all atmospheric rivers cause damage.
 Some provide beneficial rain or snowpack to an area in need.



The science behind atmospheric rivers

An atmospheric river (AR) is a flowing column of condensed water vapor in the atmosphere responsible for producing significant levels of rain and snow, especially in the Western United States. When ARs move inland and sweep over the mountains, the water vapor rises and cools to create heavy precipitation. Though many ARs are weak systems that simply provide beneficial rain or snow, some of the larger, more powerful ARs can create extreme rainfall and floods capable of disrupting travel, inducing mudslides and causing catastrophic damage to life and property. Visit www.research.noaa.gov to learn more.

WATER

VAPOR

A strong AR transports an amount of water vapor roughly equivalent to 7.5–15 times the average flow of water at the mouth of the Mississippi River.

ARs are a primary feature in the entire global water cycle and are tied closely to both water supply and flood risks, particularly in the Western U.S.

On average, about 30-50% of annual precipitation on the West Coast occurs in just a few AR events and contributes to the water supply — and flooding risk.

ARs move with the weather and are present somewhere on Earth at any given time.

ARs are approximately 250–375 miles wide on average.

Scientists' improved understanding of ARs has come from roughly a decade of scientific studies that use observations from satellites, radar and aircraft as well as the latest numerical weather models. More studies are underway, including a 2015 scientific mission that added data from instruments aboard a NOAA ship.

Image not to scale

PORNIA

NOAR

Overflowing River

Numerous things can cause a river to overflow. A few are: persistent rain for a long period of time, melting snow, or an ice jam

Ice Jam- occurs when ice clumps together to block the flow of the river.



Nashville, May 2010 Photo credits: Micca Campbell

Dam Break

- Dam breaks are often considered flash flooding due to the sudden nature of the break.
- Causes can be accumulation of melted snow, landslides, severe storms dumping large amounts of rain, jams caused by debris, etc.



Dam failure in Putnam County, Tennessee in April 2020

Flash Flooding

- The fastest and most dangerous type of flooding.
- Can happen in a matter of minutes
- Very little time to prepare
- MOVE TO HIGHER GROUND!
- Do NOT drive through flood waters!!!



Storm Surge

- Common along coastal areas
- Storm surge is an abnormal rise in sea level during a storm.
- Storm surge is high during storms like hurricanes.
- Coastal flooding can occur due to high storm surge.







Case Study

Case Study - August 21, 2021 Waverly, TN

- A stalled stationary boundary draped across the area provided a focus for training rain and thunderstorms. A modest low low-level jet was in place, providing an infusion of moisture into the area.
- Hours of rainfall + periods of intense rainfall are some of the factors that led to this catastrophic flooding event.

12Z Surface Chart



Weather Prediction Center Discussion 2:20 AM 8/21/21



RAP32 ML CAPE (lowest 90MB) j/kg 210821/0500f000 WPC MPD #0847

SUMMARY...An axis of heavy showers and thunderstorms is expected to develop over the next few hours. Some localized repeating of cells may result in some potential for areas of flash flooding early this morning.

There is an elevated stationary front showing up in the 850/925 mb layer across this region and this boundary is expected to become a focus for an expanding axis of heavy showers and gradually a few thunderstorms over the next few hours. Facilitating this will be the arrival of a strengthening westerly low-level jet upstream from portions of the lower/middle MS Valley region. This low-level jet energy will will drive an increase in warm-air advection/isentropic ascent along with deeper moisture and instability transport in an elevated fashion over the aforementioned front.

PWs of 2.0 to 2.3 inches are pooled along and just southwest of the boundary and will certainly favor efficient warm rain processes for enhanced rainfall rates that may locally approach or exceed 2 inches/hour.

Weather Prediction Center Discussion 8:27 AM 8/21/21



SUMMARY...An axis of heavy thunderstorms will likely continue to train for at least another 2-4 hours across western KY into west-central TN. Propagation into northern AL is expected later in the morning. Flash flooding, which may be fairly significant, is expected to continue from additional rainfall totals of 3-6 inches through 17Z.

DISCUSSION...Regional radar imagery at 12Z showed a 10-20 mile wide axis of training thunderstorms extending from far southeastern IL into west-central TN. Peak rainfall rates through 12Z were averaging 2.0 to 3.5 inches per hour with reports as high as 7 inches in 3 hours across southwestern Dickson County ending at 1130Z. The axis of thunderstorms seemed to be aligned with a low level axis of convergence which showed up well in the surface to 850 mb layer of the CIRA Layered PW product. Storms were forming along the convergence axis with mean movement toward the southeast, following quasi-parallel to the orientation of upwind Corfidi vectors.

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Radar Imagery August 21 12 AM through 11 PM



River Gauges



AHPS Hydrographs



VERT1(plotting HGIRG) "Gage 0" Datum: n/a

Observations courtesy of US Geological Survey HMLT1(plotting HGIRG) "Gage 0" Datum: 370.53'

48-Hour Rainfall Totals



So what ended up happening?

As you saw on the radar loop, training thunderstorms over west middle TN resulted in catastrophic flash flooding.

Rain started just before 1 AM. With already 1.5-2.5 inches fallen in the first hour, the first **Flash Flood Warning** was issued at 3:39 AM.

Heavy rain continued due to training thunderstorms and emergency management reported life-threatening flash flooding.

This led to the rare issuance of a **Flash Flood Emergency** at 7:47 AM.

The first reports of catastrophic flash flooding in Waverly started coming in at 10:01 AM. Some accounts say the water rose 5 to 6 ft in under 5 minutes.



Waverly Flood Story Map

https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/13b68e 35b8fd48e0b0188f1645992b98

Wrap up of Case #1

- Training storms can dump a lot of rainfall over an extended period of time
- With that, high rainfall amounts are possible even if the rainfall intensity is low.
- Overnight cases of this can be especially dangerous.

Case Study #2 - Cummins Falls State Park Cookeville, TN. July 5, 2017



Cummins Falls State Park Cookeville, TN.

- A line of strong thunderstorms moved across the area the afternoon of July 5.
- On the days leading up to this, there had been multiple days of rainfall, so the area was primed for flash flooding.
- Multiple water rescues
 happened and unfortunately, 2 fatalities occurred.





3:49 pm



3:51 pm



3:52 pm





3:54 pm



3:55 pm



4:30 pm



Wrap up Case #2

- The rainfall intensity was high in this situation
- A lot of rain fell in a short period of time
- Antecedent conditions were also moist due to several rounds of rain in previous days



05 NWS Flood Products

Flood Watch



Flood Watch means be prepared: Flooding is <u>possible</u>



Check for forecast updates



Prepare to move to higher ground



Stay weather ready



weather.gov/flood

Flash Flood Warning



Flood Warning means take action! Flooding is <u>expected</u>

Move to higher ground immediately



🖉 Use extra caution if driving



Check forecast updates



Stay weather ready

Photo credit: USGS

weather.gov/flood

NWS Products

- Middle TN Hazardous Weather Report
- •Flood Potential Outlooks (ESF)
- •Flood/Flash Flood Watches (FFA)
- •Flood/Flash Flood Warnings (FFW)
- –Dam Break Downstream will be a Flash Flood Warning
- •Flood Statements (FLS)
- •Flood Advisories (FAY)
- •Urban and Small Stream (FAY)

Hydrologic Outlook

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Hydrologic Outlook National Weather Service Nashville TN 334 PM CDT Sun May 27 2018

...Remnants of Subtropical Storm Alberto to Soak the Mid-State Tuesday and Wednesday...

The remnants of Subtropical Storm Alberto will move across Middle Tennessee Tuesday and Wednesday, and bring along some heavy downpours. Since the low pressure center is still expected to track close to Interstate 65, it looks like the heaviest rainfall will occur over western sections of the Mid-State, generally between Interstate 65 and the Tennessee River. This includes areas around Nashville, Clarksville, Dickson, Columbia and Waynesboro.

Between two and three inches of rain are likely to fall over western Middle Tennessee Tuesday and Wednesday, with locally higher amounts to around four inches.

Training of heavy showers will be likely, especially Tuesday afternoon and Tuesday night, and this will produce the possibility of localized flooding. In addition, heavy rain amounts will cause some creeks and streams in the Mid-State to run near bankfull. Right now it looks like the heaviest rains will occur over western Middle Tennessee. However, if the track of the low pressure system shifts further to the east, the area of heaviest rains will shift eastward as well.



Flood/Flash Flood Watch

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Flood Watch National Weather Service Nashville TN 355 PM CDT Tue May 29 2018

... Periods of Heavy Rainfall Are Expected Today into Tonight Across Middle Tennessee...

.Subtropical Depression Alberto is expected to approach and move across mid state through tomorrow morning. Storm total rainfall amounts 1.5 to 3.0 inches possible, with locally higher amounts approaching 4.0 inches near TN River Valley Region. One concern associated with tropical weather systems is likelihood for heavy solution of the state of the state of the system state of the sysbulckly and lead to possible flash flooding across these remais. Locations that have received saturating rainfall amounts over the previous few days could also be more prone to flash flooding.

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355 PM COT TUE May 29 2018

...FLASH FLOOD WATCH REMAINS IN EFFECT THROUGH WEDNESDAY MORNING...

The Flash Flood Watch continues for

* A portion of Middle Tennessee, including the following areas, Bedford, Cannon, Cheatham, Clay, Coffee, Cumberland, Davidson,

8/21/2018

De Kalb, Dickson, Fentress, Giles, Grundy, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Jackson, Lawrence, Lewis, Macon, Marshall, Maury, Montgomery, Overton, Perry, Pickett, Putnam, Robertson, Rutherford, Smith, Stewart, Sumner, Trousdale, Van Buren, Warren, Wayne, White, Williamson, and Wilson.

- * Through Wednesday morning
- * Average rainfall amounts of one to three inches, with locally higher amounts approaching four inches.
- * Some flash flooding is possible. In addition, you can expect rises to occur on area creeks and streams, and possibly along larger rivers as well.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

WGUS64 KOHX 281707 FFAOHX

URGENT - IMMEDIATE BROADCAST REQUESTED Flood Watch National Weather Service Nashville TN 1207 PM CDT Thu Jun 28 2018

... Heavy Thunderstorm Rains May Produce Flash Flooding Today...

.Several episodes of heavy thunderstorm rains are expected this afternoon over southern and western parts of Middle Tennessee, producing the potential for rain totals of 3 to 5 inches and localized flash flooding.

... FLASH FLOOD WATCH IN EFFECT UNTIL 7 PM CDT THIS EVENING...

The National Weather Service in Nashville has issued a

- * Flash Flood Watch for a portion of Middle Tennessee, including the following areas, Bedford, Coffee, Dickson, Giles, Hickman, Houston, Humphreys, Lawrence, Lewis, Marshall, Maury, Perry, Wayne, and Williamson.
- * Until 7 PM CDT this evening
- * Several periods of heavy thunderstorm rains with potential totals of 3 to 5 inches.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

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A Flash Flood Watch means that conditions may develop that lead to flash flooding. Flash flooding is a very dangerous situation.

You should monitor later forecasts and be prepared to take action should Flash Flood Warnings be issued.

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Flash Flood Warning - Standard

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BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED Flash Flood Warning National Weather Service Denver CO 927 PM MDT TUE JUL 24 2018

The National Weather Service in Denver Colorado has issued a

* Flash Flood Warning for... North central Morgan County in northeastern Colorado...

* Until midnight MDT.

 At 926 PM MDT, Doppler radar indicated thunderstorms produvery heavy rain over Fort Morgan. The rain is moving south mph. Up to three inches of rain have already fallen north Morgan. The town of Fort Morgan may see rainfall rates of to 2 inches in 30 minutes. Flash flooding is expected to b

HASARD...Flash flooding caused by heavy rain.

SOURCE...Radar rainfall estimates.

IMPACT...Flash flooding of small creeks and streams, highways and underpasses.

* Some locations that will experience flooding include... Fort Morgan and Log Lane Village.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize the dangers of flooding.

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FLASH FLOOD ... RADAR INDICATED

EXPECTED RAINFALL...2 INCHES IN 30 MINUTES

HAZARD...Flash flooding caused by heavy rain.

* At 926 FM MDT, Doppler radar indicated thunderstorms prody SOURCE...Radar rainfall estimates.

IMPACT...Flash flooding of small creeks and streams, highways and underpasses.



Flash Flood Warning - Considerable



FLASH FLOOD DAMAGE THREAT ... CONSIDERABLE

Flash Flood Warning - Catastrophic

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BULLETIN - EAS ACTIVATION REQUESTED Flash Flood Marning National Weather Service Houston/Galveston TX 126 PH COT SUN AUG 27 2017

HAZARD...Life-threatening flash flooding caused by heavy rain.

... FLASH FLOOD EMERGENCY FOR LIFE SOURCE... Emergency management. FLOODING. ...

The National Weather Service in League City has is

* Flash Flood Warning for ... Northeastern Austin County in southeastern Texas Southeastern Washington County in southeastern 1 Galveston County in southeastern Texas ... Northeastern Brazoria County in southeastern Tes Western Chambers County in southeastern Texas.... Waller County in southeastern Texas... West central Liberty County in southeastern Texe Herris County in southeastern Texas ...

IMPACT...Widespread, life-threatening Southeastern Austin County in Southeastern Texas: flooding will continue and perhaps worsen at some locations. Historic flooding is Southern Mentgenery County is southeastern Texas. expected to continue in the Houston metropolitan area through the foreseeable future.

* Until 715 FM COT.

* At 119 PM CDT, Doppler radar indicated continued bands of rain and thunderstorms across the area. Emergency management reported ongoing water rescues.

This is a FLASH FLOOD EMERGENCY FOR LIFE-THREATENING FLOODING. This is a PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS SITUATION. GROUND NOW!

HAZARD...Life-threatening flash flooding caused by heavy rain.

SOURCE... Emergency management.

IMPACT...Widespread, life-threatening flooding will continue and perhaps worsen at some locations. Historic flooding is expected to continue in the Houston metropolitan area through the foreseeable future.

* Some locations that will experience flooding include ... Fasadena, Pearland, League City, Sugar Land, Baytown, Missouri City, Galveston Island Hest End, Galveston Causeway, Texas City, Friendswood, La Porte, Dear Park, Rosenberg, Alvin, northwestern Angieton, Dickinson, Stafford, South Rouston, Bellaire and Rumple,

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREONESS ACTIONS

Nove to higher ground now. This is an extremely dangerous and life-threatening situation. Do not attempt to travel unless you are flesing an area subject to flooding or under an evacuation order.

FLASH FLOOD DAMAGE THREAT ... CATASTROPHIC

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FLASH FLOOD ... OBSERVED

Flash Flood Emergency

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Flash Flood Statement National Weather Service Baltimore MD/Washington DC 440 5W EDT SUN MAY 27 2018

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... THIS IS A FLASH FLOOD EMERGENCY FOR Ellicott City in Howard County...

... THE FLASH FLOOD WARNING REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL 730 PM EDT FOR EAST CENTRAL MOWARD AND SOUTHWESTERN BALTIMORE COUNTIES...

At 439 PM EDT, Emergency Management reported multiple water rescues on Main Street in Ellicott City. Rainfall rates of 2-4 inches per hour are expected. Seek higher ground immediately.

This is a FLASH FLOOD EMERGENCY for Ellicott City in Howard County. This is a PARTICULARLY DANGEROUS SITUATION. SEEK HIGHER GROUND NOW!

HAZARD...Life-threatening flash flooding caused by heavy rain.

SOURCE... Emergency Management.

IMPACT...Multiple water rescues on Main Street in Ellicott City.

Some locations that will experience flooding include... Ellicott City, Catonsville, Woodlawn, Arbutus, Elchester and Gella.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS ...

Move to higher ground now. This is an extremely dangerous and life-threatening situation. Do not attempt to travel unless you are fleeing an area subject to floeding or under an evacuation order.

Turn around, don't drown when encountering flooded roads. Most flood deaths occur in vehicles.

Move to higher ground now. Act quickly to protect your life.

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FLASH FLOOD...OBSERVED FLASH FLOOD DAMAGE THREAT...CATASTROPHIC EXPECTED RAINFALL...2-4 INCHES PER HOUR





River Flood Warning

WGUS44 KOHX 070604

FLWOHX Bulletin - Immediate Broadcast Requested Flood Warning National Weather Service Nashville TN 1204 AM CST Tue Nov 7 2017

... The National Weather Service in Nashville, Tn has issued a flood warning for the following rivers in middle Tennessee...

Richland Creek At Belle Meade Near Harding Place AFFECTING Davidson County

.Thunderstorms with heavy rain have caused creek in southern Davidson County to rise above flood stage.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Avoid flooded areas along the river...And move personal belongings to higher ground. Never drive through flooded roads as the depth of water may be too great to pass...Even in trucks or sport utility vehicles. If you come across a flooded road...Turn around don't drown.

Stay tuned to noaa weather radio or other local media for further information from the National Weather Service.

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The National Weather Service in Nashville, Tn has issued a

* Flood Warning for The Richland Creek At Belle Meade Near Harding Place
* From early this morning until further notice.
* At 11PM Monday the stage was...10.0 feet
* Flood stage is 7.0 feet.
* The river will rise to near 11.0 feet then begin falling.
* At 11.0 feet...The parking lot of Belle Meade Terrace condominiums begins to flood.
* At 10.0 feet...The parking area near the creek and Harding Place begins to be flooded.

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Shamburger

Flood Advisory

WGUS84 KOHX 070426 FLSOHX

Flood Advisory National Weather Service Nashville TN 1026 PM CST MON NOV 6 2017

The National Weather Service in Nashville has issued a

* Flood Advisory for... Southern Davidson County in Middle Tennessee... Southern Dickson County in Middle Tennessee... Northern Williamson County in Middle Tennessee... South central Cheatham County in Middle Tennessee...

- * Until 1230 AM CST
- * At 1025 PM CST, Doppler radar indicated heavy rain due to thunderstorms continuing to move across the area. Radar estimates up to 2 inches of rain has fallen in the past hour from Dickson to Kingston Springs to Brentwood. This will cause minor flooding in the advisory area.
- * Some locations that will experience flooding include... Franklin, Dickson, Brentwood, Nolensville, Forest Hills, Oak Hill, White Bluff, Belle Meade, Kingston Springs, Pegram, Burns, Bellevue, Antioch, Fairview, Charlotte, Berry Hill, Bells Bend and Natchez Trace At Highway 96.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize the dangers of flooding.



Urban and Small Stream

Flood Advisory National Weather Service Nashville TN 559 PM CDT FRI AUG 17 2018

The National Weather Service in Nashville has issued a

- * Urban and Small Stream Flood Advisory for... Central and Southeastern Grundy County in Middle Tennessee...
- * Until 900 PM CDT.
- * At 559 PM CDT, Doppler radar indicated heavy rain due to thunderstorms continuing to move into the county. This will cause urban and small stream flooding in the advisory area. Doppler radar estimates up to locally two inches of rain have already fallen. The potential of up to another two inches of rainfall falling in isolated locations across central and southeastern portions of Grundy County that have already received rainfall as the afternoon hours have progressed.
- * Some locations that will experience flooding include... Gruetli-Laager, Tracy City, Monteagle, Coalmont, Palmer, Pelham and Fiery Gizzard State Park.

This includes Interstate 24 between mile markers 128 and 134.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS...

In hilly terrain there are hundreds of low water crossings which are potentially dangerous in heavy rain. Do not attempt to cross flooded roads. Find an alternate route.

A Flood Advisory means river or stream flows are elevated, or ponding of water in urban or other areas is occurring or is imminent.

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Hydrology VTEC Sheet

Hydrologic Product	Туре	Required Application	Phenomena Code	Significance Code	Segmented
Areal Flood Watch	FFA	GFE/GHG	FA	A	Y
Flood Watch (Flash Flooding)	FFA	GFE/GHG	FF	A	Y
Forecast Point Flood Watch	FFA	RiverPro	FL	A	Y
Flash Flood Warning	FFW	WarnGen	FF	W	N
Flash Flood Statement	FFS	WarnGen	FF	W	Y
Forecast Point Flood Warning	FLW	RiverPro	FL	W	Y
Areal Flood Warning	FLW	WarnGen	FA	W	Y
Flood Statement to follow up a Forecast Point Flood Warning	FLS	RiverPro	FL	W	Y
Flood Statement to follow up an Areal Flood Warning	FLS	WarnGen	FA	W	Y
Flood Advisory for Urban and/or Small Stream Flooding	FLS	WarnGen	FA	Y	Y
Flood Advisory (General)	FLS	WarnGen	FA	Y	Y
Forecast Point Flood Advisory	FLS	RiverPro	FL	Y	Y
Hydrologic Outlook	ESF	GFE	None	None	N
Hydrologic Statement	RVS	RiverPro	None	None	N
Hydrologic Summary	RVA	RiverPro	None	None	N
River and Lake Forecast Product	RVD	RiverPro	None	None	N



Conclusion

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Flooding is DANGEROUS

FLOODING AHEAD TURN AROUND DON'T DROWN



Thank you!

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